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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- Claim 1 (previously amended): A humidifier for a 1
- continuous positive airway pressure device, comprising: 2
- a humidifier body; 3
- an air inlet provided to the humidifier body; 4
- an air outlet provided to the humidifier body; 5
- a plurality of chambers defined within the humidifier 6
- 7 body;
- a plurality of elongated baffles arranged in a row 8
- 9 extending in a longitudinal direction of each of the
- 10 plurality of baffles, and the row being positioned between
- one of the plurality of chambers and an adjacent one of the 11
- plurality of chambers; 12
- an opening provided between two of the plurality of 13
- baffles of the row, the opening connecting the adjacent two 14
- of said plurality of chambers; and 15
- a deflector baffle located proximate to the opening 16
- 17 and defining a serpentine fluid flow path between the
- 18 adjacent chambers.
  - 1 Claim 2 (original): The humidifier of claim 1, wherein
  - the air outlet is spaced away from the humidifier body and 2

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- defines an air outlet chamber.
- 1 Claim 3 (original): The humidifier of claim 1, wherein
- the air inlet is provided with an inlet baffle.
- 1 Claim 4 (original): The humidifier of claim 1, wherein
- 2 at least one of the plurality of baffles is curved.
- 1 Claim 5 (original): The humidifier of claim 1, wherein
- 2 at least one of the plurality of baffles is connected to a
- 3 top side of the humidifier body and is spaced apart from a
- 4 bottom side of the humidifier body.
- Claim 6 (original): The humidifier of claim 1, wherein
- 2 each of the plurality of baffles is connected to a top side
- 3 of the humidifier body and is spaced apart from a bottom
- 4 side of the humidifier body.
- 1 Claim 7 (original): The humidifier of claim 1, wherein
- 2 the humidifier body comprises a base portion and a cover
- 3 portion.
- 1 Claim 8 (original): The humidifier of claim 7, wherein
- 2 the base portion and the cover portion are permanently

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- 3 bonded together.
- Claim 9 (original): The humidifier of claim 7, wherein
- 2 the cover portion is removable from the base portion.
- 1 Claim 10 (original): The humidifier of claim 7,
- wherein the base portion and the cover portion are provided
- 3 with a tongue and a corresponding groove.
- 1 Claim 11 (currently amended): A humidifier for a
- 2 continuous positive airway pressure device, comprising:
- a humidifier body comprising a bottom portion, a top
- 4 portion, a first sidewall portion and a second sidewall
- 5 portion opposing the first sidewall portion;
- an air inlet provided to the humidifier body;
- 7 an air outlet provided to the humidifier body;
- a plurality of chambers defined within the humidifier
- 9 body;
- 10 a non-planar dividing wall separating an adjacent two
- of said plurality of chambers <u>and extending from the first</u>
- 12 sidewall portion to the second sidewall portion; and
- an opening in the dividing wall providing fluid
- 14 communication between chambers.

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- Claim 12 (Original): The humidifier of claim 11, 1
- 2 wherein each of the chambers is partially filled with water
- and partially filled with air, and wherein the water within 3
- 4 chambers proximate to the outlet has a level higher than
- 5 that of a level of the water within chambers proximate to
- 6 the inlet.
- Claim 13 (Original): The humidifier of claim 11, 1
- 2 wherein the air within the humidifier forms at least one
- 3 eddy.
- 1 Claim 14 (Original): The humidifier of claim 11,
- wherein the dividing wall comprises a plurality of arced 2
- 3 sections.
- Claim 15 (Original): The humidifier of claim 11, 1
- 2 wherein the dividing wall comprises a plurality of sections
- 3 being angled with respect each other.

Claims 16-20 (Canceled).